



**PONTIAC-OAKLAND  
CLUB INTERNATIONAL**

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**WEST MICHIGAN  
CHAPTER**

# **THE ARROWHEAD**

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**Newsletter for the Pontiac Enthusiast**

**May 2014**

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## **The Preamble**

The West Michigan Chapter of the Pontiac-Oakland Club International is dedicated to the ownership and preservation of Pontiacs, all models and years. It is the goal of the chapter to encourage and unite area Pontiac enthusiasts in Chapter sponsored activities and events. The Arrowhead serves as one of the tools to which the Club can fulfill its goals as well as provide information and services to its members.

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**Saturday, May 17**

**Dust Off Cruise**

**Meet at Elhart GMC in Holland at 8:30**

**Cruising to Dowagiac and South Haven**

**See inside for more details**

**REMEMBER NO TUESDAY MEETING**

## **CHIEF'S CHATTER**

Hello Pontiac Club,

It is snowing again as I write this... What a bummer. At least we got a tease of spring and the coming (hopefully) nice months ahead the past few days. I've been waiting for transmission parts and good weather rather impatiently so that I can get my Pontiac back on the road and enjoy it once again. When it comes to driving enjoyment, I am really looking forward to this year's Dust-Off Cruise. Doug and Joan Troost have arranged a fantastic trip South of Holland towards Dowagiac on May 17<sup>th</sup>, it should provide for some great shopping for both the guys and the gals. ;)

So this month I thought I would spend some time to touch on safety. A recent near miss at work kind of got me thinking about how safety isn't just an item to be left at work or focused on only at work, it applies to all areas of life. For instance, there are a lot of 'safety opportunities' while working on and driving old Pontiacs; a lot less opportunities than Fords, Chrysler and imports because Pontiacs are far superior, but there are still opportunities. Our cars keep getting older and have far out lived the engineer's intended design life. Corrosion, repairs, dry rot, and wear and tear have taken their toll on even the nicest looking of old cars. I will be pulling my Pontiac into the garage for a thorough inspection this spring prior to any significant mileage accrual. Even though I just finished a frame off restoration on my Pontiac back in August, I still want to check for the following:

1. Suspension Components – lose bolts, cracks, bent parts, missing grease zerks, etc.
2. Steering Components – Clearances from the oil pan and suspension, cracks, tightness of the ball joints and tie rod sleeves.
3. Exhaust System Leaks, and anything important the exhaust could melt or burn.
4. Fuel System– leaks, rubs on the chassis, rubber hose condition (new ethanol fuels eat some rubbers).
5. Drive train – driveshaft Bolt tightness, trans and motor mounts.
6. Electrical – Lights, signals, fuses, any old or cracked wires that have been melted or worn, make sure the plug wires are clear of the steering column clamp bolt.
7. Brake System – Leaks, Fluid Level, pedal firmness, remaining pad life, rotor/drum condition, rubber hose condition.
8. Wheels – air pressure, tire condition, lug nut tightness, hub cap tightness.
9. Seat Belts – Check that the steel they are mounted to will perform as intended during an accident.
10. Engine – Cleanliness (okay not everyone has a show clean motor) caked oil, gas leaks and the spare rag left under the hood to wipe the dipstick with can be a fire hazard, inspect the throttle cable and how its mounted.
11. Battery – check for acid build up on the battery tray, check the battery water level – use caution on this one.
12. Cooling System Check – check fluid level, freeze point, hose condition look for leaks.

In a nutshell that is my 12 point safety inspection. Normally this can be done in an hour or two during an oil change or other routine maintenance when the car is safely up on jacks. This small amount of times provides a peace of mind about the car you're cruising in and could prove to be a good investment of time. Be Safe Out There,  
Carl

### **April 2014 Meeting Report**

Even though it's spring as far as the calendar is concerned, it hasn't been lately. Can you believe a couple inches of snow on Tax Day? I sure hope we have warm weather for our next gathering! At least it was dry and sunny for our April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, encouraging 30 of us to get together at Famous Dave's.

President Carl Thorwall opened the meeting with a Thank You note from the Wounded Warriors for our \$500 donation we made to them. A great cause for sure. Carl also brought to our attention the POCI scholarship fund available to qualifying children of POCI members.

Carl then reviewed our activities for the rest of the year:

May – Dust Off Cruise – date and destination to be determined (see elsewhere in this newsletter)

June – Ottawa County Jail visit. Doug Mesman told me he's going to get it set up for us.

July – Cruise to Gilmores

August – Our Car Show on the 8<sup>th</sup> at the Elhart Campus

September – Picnic at Ottawa State Park, and Pure Stock Drags weekend

October – Color Tour

November – Valve cover races and elections

December – Christmas Party

A motion was made to donate \$50 to the Mike Nixon Family fund to help pay funeral expenses for Mike. He sadly passed away on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was a very passionate Pontiac man.

Terri Miller gave her Treasurer's Report. We are in good financial health!

It was decided to be a \$50 sponsor for the Holland vintage car show.

Our guest speaker was Scott Tiemann, owner of Supercar Specialties, which is recognized as one of the premier restorers of Pontiacs in the world. Scott gave us a guided tour of the restoration of Royal Pontiac's 1962 Super Duty Catalina. It is owned by a gentleman in Idaho, who also owns Royal race cars from 1960, 1961, and 1963! He has a very impressive collection!

Our 50/50 raffle was won by Joan Troost. The purse was \$30.50!

Bruce and Debbie Hayes' names were pulled for our attendance drawing. Had they been at the meeting, they would have taken home \$166!

The winnings grow for next month's meeting!

See you guys there.

Dan Jensen

**GET THOSE PONTIACS DUSTED AND CLEANED OFF  
CAUSE THE :**

**Dust off is Saturday May 17, 2014**

Leaving Elhart GMC Car Lot in Holland at **8:30AM.**

Eat breakfast before, we will be heading directly to Sun Ray Restoration near Dowagiac.

Donuts and coffee will be provided at Sun Ray Restorations and there will be a short stop at the Shell Gas station for those who need to use the facilities previous to arriving at Sun Ray.

Sunray specializes in Packard Automobiles but also does really cool hotrods. Leaving there we will make a short stop at Lane Automotive and then on to South Haven to have lunch at Clementines @ 1PM. We may have a short wait as they would not let us make reservations so you can make use of your time and check out the shops in South Haven.

After lunch you are free to go home, shop a little more or you can stop at our club member's home, Scott Van Tamelen and see his Firebird/TA Collection.

Hope to see you there!

Any questions contact Carl Thorwall or Doug Troost

**FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2014**  
**The Remember When Car Show & Cruise**  
**Open to ALL Antique, Classic, Custom, & Hot Rod Vehicles**  
**Car Show: 5 PM Cruise: 8:30**  
**Show Site: 124 E. 8th St.**  
**Cruise...on 8th St....2 way traffic**  
**Just like the good old days!!!**  
**In Downtown Holland**

Registration \$10.00 per vehicle  
John Baumann Chairman 616-396-0390  
Mail Advanced Registrations to: Dee Ann Baumann 11522 E. Lakewood  
Blvd. Holland, MI 49424  
Make check payable to Vintage Car Club

**FOR SALE : 1967 Tempest Custom convertible asking price of \$8000.00**  
**Call 1-734-772-7586 ask for Jim**  
**Car is in Livonia, MI.**

**REMEMBER THAT THIS YEARS DUES WERE DUE THE FIRST OF  
JANUARY FOR MOST MEMBERS. IF YOU HAVE'NT PAID YET  
PLEASE MAIL THEM TO TERRI MILLER OR BRING THEM WITH  
TO THE NEXT MEETING. THANK YOU!**

**Schedule of Meetings for 2014**

May 17th – dust off cruise meet at Elhart in Holland at 8:30  
June 10 – possibly visit the Ottawa County Jail (stay tuned)  
July 8 – cruise to Gilmore Car Museum  
August - 5 meeting Famous Dave's  
August 8 - Car Club Car Show at Elhart  
September - picnic at Ottawa Beach and help at the Pure Stock  
Drags on 12th-13th  
October activity – Color Tour to Run Right Classics at Houghton  
Lake (overnight)  
November 4th – officer elections and valve cover races  
December 5th – Christmas Party at the Doubletree

We are open to any thoughts and ideas you may have. Bring them  
to the next meeting.

**Watch for updates and changes to the schedule**

# Membership Info

**Chapter Dues** are to be paid January 1st

\$25.00 payable to WMPOCI

Please give to Terri Miller at the meeting, or mail them to:

Terri Miller 8830 Taylor St. Zeeland, MI 49464

**National Dues** are YOUR responsibility. You must be a member of the National POI to be a member of the West Michigan POI. Log onto [www.poci.org](http://www.poci.org) for more information or to register

## WMPOCI MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Full Member (Chapter & POI) \_\_\_\_\_

If full member include your POI# \_\_\_\_\_

Non POI member (Chapter only) \_\_\_\_\_

Pontiac Owned \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Style \_\_\_\_\_ Motor \_\_\_\_\_

National POI # (must have) \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

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